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1. HERB KAISER, BEFORE HE LEFT ZAGREB, DISCUSSED WITH JAKOV BLAZEVIC (PRESIDENT OF CROATIA) THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IVP GRANT FOR A VISIT LATER THIS YEAR. BLAZEVIC SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO. HERB HAD, OF COURSE, CHECKED THE IDEA WITH US, AND HAD OUR SUPPORT. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ONE ELEMENT IN THE PROJECT WHICH WE HAD NOT REVIEWED WITH HERB BEFORE HE GOT AWAY AND WHICH--PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE BERBEROVIC EXPERIENCE--LEAVES ME UNEASY. BEFORE WE SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL, THEREFORE, COULD YOU CHECK WITH HERB (WHO SHOULD BE REACHABLE EVEN WHILE STILL ON LEAVE) TO BE SURE THAT BLAZEVIC UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN THE USUAL SENSE OF THE TERM, AND THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE LIMITATIONS OF THE IVP. DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU GET AND PASS BACK, WE WILL SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL, OR HAVE FURTHER WORDS WITH BLAZEVIC.

2. OUR 4736 REPORTS A FURTHER ENCOUNTER WITH
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ALIMI. WHILE I ASSUME YOU WILL NOT WANT TO PASS TO REP MAGUIRE THE BUSINESS ABOUT HOW MUCH WE DID FOR HIM OR THE WARNINGS ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DO IF HE GOT INTO TROUBLE, I TRUST YOU WILL LET HIM KNOW HOW CASUAL ALIMI IS ABOUT HIS SITUATION.

3. OUR 4739 REPORTING THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING

WITH LONCAR, INCLUDES LONCAR'S ASSERTION THAT KULAKOV'S PRESENCE AT THE PARTY CONGRESS--IN TERMS OF HIS HIGH STANDING--REFLECTS SOVIET FAVOR OR, AT LEAST, THE ABSENCE OF DISFAVOR. DESPITE MY OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALS IN THE SOVIETOLOGY, MY TEA LEAVES ARE STALE. MAYBE DARRYL CAN TELL ME WHETHER THIS IS THE KIND OF SIGNAL THE YUGOSLAVS SHOULD BE READING. (THIS IS NOT, BY THE WAY, IDLE CURIOSITY. WE ARE TRYING TO GET A CURRENT FEEL FOR YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONS, SENSING SOMETHING IN THE AIR. WE MAY BE SENDING SOMETHING IN ONE OF THESE DAYS.)

4. INFO EXCHANGE WITH CHINESE: WE UNDERSTAND THE SOLE OBJECTION RAISED ON THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE TO RELEASE TO CHICOMS OF INFO ON SOV MILITARY EXERCISE BEREZHINA HAS NOW BEEN LIFTED AND PRESUMABLY INTER-AGENCY APPROVAL WILL SHORTLY BE FORTHCOMING. PLEASE LET US KNOW STATUS. CAN WE ASSUME THERE WILL BE NO OBJECTION FROM DEPARTMENT TO THIS INNOCUOUS EXERCISE? LAST MONTH OR SO HAS SEEN AN INCREASING (AND QUITE REMARKABLE) READINESS ON PART OF CHICOM MILITARY TO ENGAGE IN REFRESHINGLY NORMAL EXCHANGE WITH US. TELLING THEM ABOUT BEREZHINA WILL BE A COST FREE CONTRIBUTION IN KEEPING THE DIALOGUE GOING.

5. DURING A USEFUL LUNCHEON TODAY WITH MILAN BULAJIC
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(FSFA LEGAL ADVISOR), HE SPOKE OF A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH HERB HANSELL AND DARRYL JOHNSON CONCERNING ARTUKOVIC. HE SAID THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR A "GUARANTEE" THAT ARTUKOVIC WOULD BE TRIED FOR THOSE CRIMES WHICH FORMED THE BASIS FOR DEPORTATION (AND NOT FOR POLITICAL VIEWS OR ACTIONS). WHILE BULAJIC WAS IN NO SENSE COMPLAINING, WE WONDER WHETHER THIS IS, IN FACT, THE CASE SINCE WE THOUGHT THE YUGOSLAVS HAD ALREADY PROVIDED SUCH DOCUMENTATION. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD VALUE YOUR READING ON WHERE THE CASE STANDS SINCE FORMATION OF THE NEW JUSTICE UNIT, AND YOUR PROGNOSIS.

6. WE WILL DELIVER THE CONSULAR CONVENTION DRAFT TO FSFA ON TUESDAY. FOR THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE ASSUME WILL FOLLOW, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMAL WORD ON TWO POINTS: (1) ARE THERE ANY PARALLELS IN OTHER EE OR WE CONVENTIONS WHICH MIGHT BEAR ON THE DUAL NATIONALITY ISSUE HERE?; (2) COULD A NEW CONVENTION, OR SPECIFIC CONVENTION PROVISIONS, BE AGREED AS AMENDATORY TO THE EXISTING CONVENTION AND NOT TERMINATE IT?

7. BULAJIC, ALSO DURING LUNCH, REFERRED TO TWO INCIDENTS--AND ASSAULT AND ARMED ROBBERY--OF WHICH HE AND HIS WIFE HAD BEEN VICTIMS IN NEW YORK DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT THERE. HE RECALLS BOTH AS HAVING OCCURRED IN 1975. THE YUGOSLAVS, HE SAID, HAVE NEVER HAD A REPORT OF ANY RESULT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS, ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ROBBER WAS APPREHENDED. YOUR FILES MAY HAVE SOMETHING ON THESE. IN ANY EVENT, COULD YOU CHECK AND PASS ANYTHING YOU CAN GET.
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